
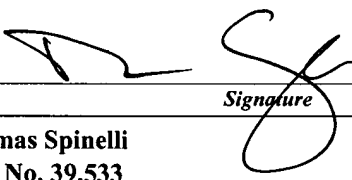
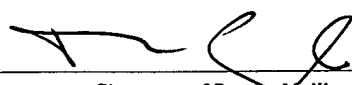


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Invention: <b>ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY SYSTEM</b>						
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to an Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on September 21, 2006, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are presented beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

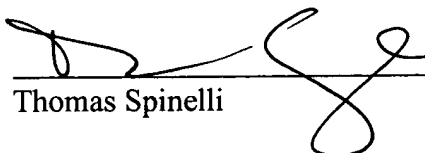
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